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ZION CHURCH, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

This congregation is a result of a merger, in 1919, of Trinity Church, Southwark, and Zion Church. The cornerstone of the present church building was laid in 1921 at Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue. Consecration of the building followed in 1924. Church properties include the church edifice, and a combined parish house and rectory, connected to the church by a passageway. The church, of masonry field-stone construction, seats approximately 240 persons in the nave, and is in good condition, with no substantial improvements projected for the immediate future. The program of insurance coverage on these properties is adequate.

Referral may be made to Pages K-4 through K-6 of the Church Self-Study Form for a more detailed history of the congregation and a description of the church properties.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

At the time of the Study, the area served by Zion Church was undergoing slight ethnic changes. There are apartment dwellings and single-home dwellings in the immediate vicinity of the church. Referral may be made to Pages K-1 through K-3 of the Church Self-Study Form for a listing of the public and private schools as well as other religious denominations which are located within the church neighborhood.

For the purposes of this Study, an arbitrary parish area has been assigned for Zion Church. Conforming to existing United States Census Bureau divisions, this area includes Census Tracts PH-43A and PH-43B, and PH-49D, E, F, G, and H. Zion Church is located in Census Tract PH-49G. The population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 44,068 persons in 1960.



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With the exception of Census Tracts PH-43A, 43B and 49E, no statistics were available on the 1950 population of the parish area. In 1960, there were 8,915 persons residing in Census Tract PH-49G. Of this number, children 14 years of age and under comprised 14.0%, adults 65 years of age and older made up 20.3%, and non-whites equaled 0.4%. The following chart offers additional information on the population characteristics of the parish area. Note that in each of the tracts, adults 65 years of age and over made up 12.0% or more of the population, with the highest concentrations existing in Census Tracts PH-49G and PH-49D. The percentage of children 14 years of age and under was highest in Census Tracts PH-43B and PH-49F. Non-whites comprised 13% of the population in Census Tract PH-43B. In addition, approximately 68% of the population occupied the same dwellings for the five year period between 1955 and 1960. The median family income was highest in Census Tract PH-49D followed by PH-49E and F.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
	1950	1960				
PH-49G	NA	8,915	-----	14.0	20.3	0.4
43A	7,638	7,036	- 7.9	21.8	16.2	0.2
43B	6,410	5,251	-18.1	24.2	14.2	13.0
49D	NA	5,915	-----	16.9	23.1	0.7
49E	4,927	4,540	- 7.9	21.5	16.0	0.5
49F	NA	5,715	-----	25.8	12.0	0.3
49H	NA	6,696	-----	18.6	15.1	0.1
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Total		44,068				1.9

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CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION		%	RESIDENCE 1960		PUERTO MED. RICANS FAM. 1960	INC.
	1950	1960		SAME AS 1955	%		
PH-49G	NA	39			63.5	0	\$6,060
43A	13	12	- 7.7		72.5	15	5,767
43B	329	683	107.6		63.4	0	5,736
49D	NA	40			63.3	0	7,241
49E	21	22	4.8		67.5	0	6,678
49F	NA	17			73.6	0	6,671
49H	NA	9			73.8	0	6,569
Total		822					

Information is also available regarding the educational characteristics of adults 25 years of age and over residing in the parish area. In 1960, 23.1% of the 1960 population of Census Tract PH-49G consisted of high school graduates, 7.7% comprised persons who had received from one to three years of college training, and 6.9% was made up of college graduates. The median educational level was 9.9 years. The median age for males was 45.9 years and the median age for females was 50.0 years. Additional information is provided in the following chart. Observe that Census Tract PH-49E had the highest percentage of college trained individuals. The median age for both males and females was highest in Census Tract PH-49G:

CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MED. ED.	MED.	
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.		M AGE	F
PH-49G	23.1	7.7	6.9	9.9	45.9	50.0
43A	17.0	2.7	2.4	8.8	38.2	41.5
43B	16.6	2.8	3.8	8.8	35.8	38.6
49D	23.9	5.4	6.6	9.8	43.5	47.5
49E	24.1	7.7	9.3	10.8	38.5	44.9
49F	22.7	4.4	3.1	9.5	34.7	36.6
49H	24.8	3.8	4.8	9.6	41.4	44.9

There were 44,068 persons residing in this arbitrarily assigned parish area in 1960. Of this number, 540 individuals, representing 1.2% of the population, were oriented to the Episcopal Church. Of this latter group, 265 persons, or 49.1%,



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were members of Zion Church. These individuals were equal to 58.4% of the total mapped membership of 456 persons. Additional information on the parish area is available in the following chart. It will be seen that the highest number of Episcopalians existed in Census Tract PH-49D. The smallest number of Episcopalians was found in Census Tract PH-49H. Membership in Zion Church was also lowest in this tract:

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
PH-49G	8,915	91	1.0	68	74.7	15.0
43A	7,036	90	1.3	8	8.9	1.8
43B	5,251	36	0.7	12	33.3	2.6
49D	5,915	135	2.3	51	3.7	11.2
49E	4,540	76	1.7	56	73.7	12.4
49F	5,715	93	1.6	63	67.7	13.9
49H	6,696	19	0.3	7	36.8	1.5
Total	44,068	540	1.2	265	49.1	58.4

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### THE CHURCH PROGRAM

On an average Sunday, approximately 208 persons, representing 51.6% of the total baptized membership, attend services at Zion Church. This representation compares favorably with the 45% to 50% norm that exists for most Episcopal congregations throughout the United States. The schedule of services includes a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. and Morning Prayer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services of Holy Communion replace the 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer service on the third Sunday, and the 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer service on the first Sunday. Innovations in the schedule of services have helped to increase the attendance.

The church school lists an enrollment of 85 students and a staff of 19. Throughout the year, attendance ranged from a low of 58 to a high of 87. Instruction is provided for beginners through teen-agers. Information on individual class registration shows that class sizes range from a low of two persons to a high of 23. The school is well organized, with an adequate program of teacher-recruitment, training, and supervision. Ten of the 19 staff members are either college graduates or have had some college training. The school's problems include insufficient individual classrooms and short instruction periods. No Vacation Church School is operated by Zion Church, but the congregation cooperates in a neighborhood inter-denominational church school.

The general program of adult education involves 16 persons, with the rector and a member of the congregation serving as instructors. The Local Study Group feels that the program of Christian Education can be strengthened through the development of more concerned individuals and the extension of existing efforts in adult education. The group also



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mentions the possibility of weekday classes for children of the community - an inter-denominational project - and by improvement in the quality of church school materials and instruction.

As far as the organizational life of the parish is concerned, approximately 49.1% of the adult members are associated with one group or another. Of 170 adult women, 65 are active in the affairs of three organizations. Of 95 adult men, 15 participate in the activities of one group. There are five organizations of mixed membership, with 50 persons cooperating in their activities. Young people are active in the Acolytes Guild, the Junior Choir, and the Young People's Fellowship. Referral may be made to Pages K-17 through K-21 of the Church Self-Study Form for reports of individual organizations .

Seven clergymen, including the incumbent, have served Zion Church since its beginnings in 1918. As a result of the ministry of the church, one member of the congregation has entered the priesthood. There are no licensed lay readers serving in the congregation.

The financial record included in the Church Self-Study Form shows that of an income of \$26,121.00, \$18,276.00, or 70% of the income, are received through pledges. Computed on an individual basis, the average pledge per communicant at Zion Church amounted to \$53.13, slightly lower than the national per communicant pledge of \$56.00. Annual Every Member Canvasses are conducted, with the rector leading training sessions for the canvassers. Additional means of fund-raising or stewardship education involve special fund drives, literature, and sermons.

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The rector reports making a total of 14 calls per week. There is no zone or neighborhood organization to facilitate lay calling. Even though there is no formal program of lay pastoral visitation or lay evangelism, some lay members in the congregation assist the rector in these areas. Efforts are made to welcome newcomers and integrate them into the active life of the church. At the time of the Study, the congregation was participating in a census being conducted by the Local Inter-Denominational Ministerium.

Parish promotion and publicity appear to be normal, with various communications media being utilized.

The congregation is listed as being community-minded. The rector serves as President of the Inter-Denominational Ministerium and is also active in other community affairs. Individual members of the congregation are active in the Community Council, scouting organizations, and other community agencies. The general parish program for the community involves the congregation's participation in various community activities. Some members of the congregation are active on the diocesan level, and others cooperate in diocesan-sponsored programs.

The Church Self-Study Form reveals that the congregation pays its full Missionary Quota, and that 16% of its budget goes for missionary work.

Aside from the rector, paid personnel serving the congregation includes a part-time organist, part-time choirmaster, part-time sexton, and a cleaning woman. Other members volunteer their services periodically.

As far as the future policy, program, and budget are concerned, the Local Study Group lists the need of part-time secretarial assistance for the rector. The major opportunities facing the congregation are the possibility of deepening the spiritual life of the members, increasing the involvement in



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community affairs, extending the Christian Education Program, and increasing involvement in the ecumenical movement. The major problems facing the congregation include a limited potential for growth, and a high percentage of senior citizens. The congregation has already initiated steps aimed at meeting the needs and opportunities confronting it.

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Date June 24, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church Zion  
City Philadelphia  
County Philadelphia Diocese Pennsylvania  
Parish or Mission Parish State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? "Logan" and part of  
"Nicetown" - Area bounded by Roosevelt Blvd. and Expressway on south,  
18th St. and Wister's Woods Park on West (20th St.), Reading RR (east of  
7th St. on east, and Somerville Ave. and Clarkson Ave. on north.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:  
Downtown commercial uses \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial uses \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment dwellings x  
Rooming houses \_\_\_\_\_ Single-home dwellings x A college \_\_\_\_\_ Military  
uses \_\_\_\_\_ Other institutions \_\_\_\_\_

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Mixed use - primarily residential and commercial with some light industry.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Slight ethnic change as Ukrainians move in. Jews and Protestants moving to  
suburbs has passed the peak of the '50's. Some single homes being divided

into apartments.  
D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Gen. David B. Birney

9th St. and Lindley Ave.

Logan

17th St. and Lindley Ave.

Edward T. Steel

16th and Cayuga Sts.



### III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The present parish is result of a merger of two older parishes and relocation at the present site. Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was founded in 1819. The corner stone of the church at 3rd and Catherine Sts. was laid in 1821; the church was consecrated on January 17, 1822. Zion Church was begun in 1842 in a rented building in the western part of Kensington. The parish was organized in 1849; the corner stone of the building at 8th St. and Columbia Ave. was laid in 1856; first services were held in the church on May 10, 1857. The last services were held in Trinity Church, 3rd and Catherine Sts. on July 14, 1907. Services were begun in a rented church building at 16th and Cayuga Sts. In 1912 Bishop Rhinelander granted permission for Trinity Church to establish a Parish Sunday School and Chapel in a building at 4825 North Camac St. formerly used by the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Child. The present Parish House and Rectory building and the land on which the Church is located were purchased in 1913 for the sum of \$40,000. Renovations were made and services commenced in the new building, supplanting both the church at 16th and Cayuga Sts. and the chapel on Camac St. The Rev. Charles H. Long was appointed by Bishop Rhinelander in October 1918 to take charge of Trinity Church and complete the merger with Zion Church. On November 3, 1919, Trinity Church, Southwark and Zion Church merged into one Church Corporation, and became known as Zion Church, Philadelphia with services held at Broad St. and Wyoming Ave. The corner stone of the present Church building was laid in 1921. First services were held in the new Church on July 25, 1922. The building was consecrated by Bishop Garland on Christmas morning, December 25, 1924. The Rev. Charles H. Long was called to be the Rector of the merged Church on April 25, 1922. There have been seven Rectors since 1922.



#### IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

##### A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Lot approximately 175 by 200 feet, located at Broad St. on west,  
Wyoming Ave. on north, Old York Rd. on east, property line on south,  
used for Church and Parish House-Rectory buildings.

2. Type of church building: Frame      Brick      Stone x Other       
(type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Church is masonry fieldstone construction in very good condition,  
approximately 65 by 126 feet, with 240 sittings in the nave, and  
24 sittings in the choir, and 12 sittings in the baptistry. The  
building is well maintained, and there are no substantial improve-  
ments needed at this time.

Replacement Value \$ 220,400 Amount of insurance carried \$ 198,400

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached x Separated     ;  
In basement of the church     ; Frame x Brick       
Stone x Other       
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Note: Parish House and Rectory are one building, connected to Church by  
a passageway. Building is of masonry (1st floor) and frame (2nd and 3rd  
floors) construction, build about 1875, in good condition. Exterior  
painting (\$500 ?) will be needed soon. There are 3 meeting rooms and  
kitchen on 1st floor of Parish House. Auditorium with stage on 2nd floor.  
Some interior renovation is needed for most effective use, possible  
folding partitions should be installed, est. cost several thousand dollars.

Replacement value \$ 118,200 Amount of insurance carried \$ 104,600  
(This is for entire building.)



4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached X Separated \_\_\_\_\_;  
Frame X Brick \_\_\_\_\_ Stone X Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Rectory is part of same building with Parish House. There are 9 rooms and bath on 1st and 2nd floor, plus 3 rooms on 3rd floor which are used only for storage. The Rectory is in good condition, and there are no substantial improvements needed.

Is it used as a clergy residence? yes If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance carried: \$ see Parish House

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving  
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;  
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;  
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

None

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1.	Number of church families: Total number		<u>101</u>						
	Number of individuals not in families		<u>103</u>						
2.	Baptized membership			Communicants			Church School		
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>101</u>
3.	Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list			<u>5 yrs. ago</u>	<u>4 yrs. ago</u>	<u>3 yrs. ago</u>	<u>2 yrs. ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>	
				<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
	Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list								

These records have not been kept.

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
By reception from other Churches	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
By baptism and confirmation from no church	_____	_____	_____	<u>3</u>	_____
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>
5. Attendance:					
Number of communicants who attended regularly last year					<u>156</u>
Number of communicants who attended occasionally					<u>56</u>
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community (includes 16 shut-ins)					<u>53</u>
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred					<u>84</u>
6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting?					<u>80</u>



# V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion (plain)	8 A.M.	8	13	23
Family Service (adults)	9:30 A.M.	23	30	35
Church School (children)	"	60	75	90

(The 9:30 service is M.P. except H.C. on 3rd Sun. Children present for service.)

Morning Prayer, H.C. 1st Sun	11 A.M.	68	90	135
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\*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Lent only:				
Holy Communion	Wed. 7 A.M.	5	7	9
Holy Communion	Wed. 10 A.M.	6 (snow)	20	39
Evening Prayer	Thurs. 7:45 P.M.	47	55	67

\*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Ash Wed. - Evening Prayer and Penitential Office - 8 P.M.

Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion - 8 P.M.

All Saints', Ascension, Epiphany - Holy Communion - 8 P.M.

Quiet evenings in Advent and Lent

Union Good Friday Service with Protestant Churches of community held at Zion.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None



E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

9:30 Service aimed at parents with children has helped to build up a group of concerned parents. A parents' Class is being developed. Holy Day services have been scheduled in the evening to allow greater participation.

7 A.M. Lenten communions have helped a few working people attend midweek services in Lent. An additional service of Holy Communion was provided at 8:45 on Easter, with an attendance of more than 100.

Generally the 11 A.M. service is Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday, Morning Prayer on the 2nd, Morning Prayer and Litany (Litany for ordinations at Ember seasons) on the 3rd, Ante-Communion and Bidding Prayer or some other

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

(cont. below)

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? departed
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? yes 11 A.M.
3. Is baby care provided during any service? 9:30 A.M. as needed

prayers from the Prayer Book are used on the last Sunday of the month.

By this means the congregation become more familiar with the variety and richness of the Prayer Book. Baptisms are ordinarily held during the 11 A.M. or the 9:30 A.M. service.

F. 1. The departed and the sick are remembered by name at all services.



## VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### A. Church School

#### 1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 19

b. Students 85

Total 104

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 58

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 87

e. Are absentee cards used? yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Usually only in case of absence or

known sickness a phone call is made and the Superintendant or

Rector are notified if their assistance is required.

#### 2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
Senior Class #12,13,14	Sunday	9:30 A.M.	30 min.	Rector and Mr. E. B. Sonnheim
Intermediate #15,16,17	"	9:30 A.M.	"	"
Junior #18,19,20	"	"	"	"
Primary #21, 22,23	"	"	"	Rector and Miss L. Dirmeyer
Beginners Class	"	"	"	Mrs. R. Riecks

Worship service held in beginners class by teacher. Other classes meet in

Church for first part of Family Service.

### 3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOOR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
#12	2	17	M&F	Sun.	10A.M.	30 min.	Religion of the P.B.
#13	8	16	"	"	"	"	"
#14	4	15	"	"	"	"	"
#15	7	14	"	"	"	"	Fellowship Series Course 8
#16	4	13	"	"	"	"	"
#17	5	12	"	"	"	"	Course 6
#18	2	11	"	"	"	"	Course 7
#19	4	10	"	"	"	"	Course 5
#20	8	9	"	"	"	"	Course 4
#21	4	8	"	"	"	"	Course 3
#22	6	7	"	"	"	"	Course 2
#23	8	6	"	"	"	"	Course 1
Beginners	23	3-5	"	"	9:30 A.M.	1 hr.	Course N-1

Note: Classes 12, 13, 14 meet together as a High School class.

Classes 15, 16 meet together as a Junior High Class.



4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

✓ 2 motion pictures are shown each year to entire Church School.

Film strips and slides are used occasionally in individual classes.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

All work in beginners department is under leadership of teachers. Course is  
changed each year. Instruction includes stories, worship, singing with piano  
accompaniment, activity and hand work. There are one teacher and two or three  
assistants.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By open invitation and by selection

by Rector or Superintendant.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the  
number of sessions, the leaders, etc. 2 teachers' meetings are

held each year, and a teacher training course of about 6 sessions is held.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

By consultation with the Rector or other more experienced teachers.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	<u>4</u>	Grade school	<u>      </u>	one	<u>5</u>
20 to 29	<u>      </u>	Junior high	<u>      </u>	two	<u>11</u>
30 to 39	<u>7</u>	Senior high	<u>12</u>	three	<u>4</u>
40 to 49	<u>1</u>	1 to 3 years College	<u>3</u>	four	<u>      </u>
50 years or more	<u>7</u>	College grad.	<u>4</u>	five	<u>1</u>
		Graduate study	<u>3</u>	6 to 10	<u>3</u>
Male	<u>5</u>			11 to 20	<u>1</u>
	<u>14</u>			20 and over	<u>4</u>
Female	<u>      </u>	K-12			

7. What problems does the church school have? \_\_\_\_\_

The Church School does not have adequate individual classroom facilities.

The classes could use a longer period of instruction.

B. Vacation Church School    None

1. When is it held? We cooperate in a neighborhood interdenominational

2. For how long each day? \_\_\_\_\_ Vacation Church School held at

3. What type of courses are taught? Belfield Avenue E.U.B. Church

4. How many children attend, usually? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's  
church school? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many teachers are there? \_\_\_\_\_

C. Released Time Program    None

1. When are classes held? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What type of courses are taught? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian  
education program of this congregation?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the  
Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

None



### E. Confirmation Instruction

## 1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 20 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Prayer Book and Bible - no students' texts.
- f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Specifically it is a review of Bible, Faith, History, and Practice of Episcopal Church.

## 2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 4-6 b. How long is each session?  
1½ hours c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What  
material is used? Bible and Prayer Book, pamphlets for students.

### F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

[illegible]

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Parish Quiet ~~Days~~ Evenings in Advent and Lent - about 20 attending.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By forming a concerned group of adults to lead the Christian education program, including a parents' class. By expanding and extending the adult education program of the Parish. By strengthening the instruction in Church School, giving more time, using teacher and observer, and converting to Seabury material. Possibly by doing some week-day classes with children of community in cooperation with other denominations in area. Developing our part in the Community Vacation Church School program.



VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 170
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 65

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 95
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 15

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 5
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 50

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>1</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>6</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>1</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>8</u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>1</u>
2. Total active membership	<u>10</u>	<u>   </u>	<u>15</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Acolytes' Guild

Total active members 8 Average attendance at meetings 7

Number of meetings each month 1 - 2 Day and time of meetings Sat. A.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To assist clergy in conduct of Services

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? \_\_\_\_\_

Highschool boys

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Participation in regular Sunday worship

Meetings for training.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Washington Birthday Corporate Communion

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Opportunities to develop in young men interest in Church.

PROBLEM - No program or common fellowship.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

Regular monthly meetings for instruction, etc.

Corporate Communions - Trips to places of interest.

Signed by: Robert Deacon

Title: Rector



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Senior Choir

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 4 - 5 Day and time of meetings 1 - 2 <sup>Sunday</sup> P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To lead singing and to provide choral music for Church Service.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? \_\_\_\_\_

All groups.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Meetings are choir rehearsals during which some instruction  
in music is necessary.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Occasional parish house show - occasional Cantata

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Opportunity to create music for Services, providing an insight  
to the real presence of God in Church Services. Attendance  
to rehearsals is always a major problem, along with conflicting  
temperaments.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Increased membership would  
cause a lessening of strain on the completely reliable members  
and possibly an elimination of temperamental situations through  
the presence of more likable people.

Signed by: Nathan B. Gable

Title: Choir Director



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Sunday 7:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

The purpose of the Y.P.F. is to give young people the opportunity  
to take part in worship, study, fellowship and service.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Young people  
of high school age. Grades 9 to 12

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Short evening prayer service at each meeting.

Study programs.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

The Y.P.F. has plays, dances and participates with other  
Y.P.F. groups in the diocesan.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Opportunities in the Y.P.F. are fellowship, group worship  
and recreation. Problems are participation and financial.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Create more interest  
among the members in the group.

Signed by: Sandra Cooper

Title: President



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Faith and Practice Group

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 12-15

Number of meetings each month 2 Day and time of meetings 8-10P.M.  
of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

B. Why does this organization exist?

For adult discussion

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? \_\_\_\_\_

Adults

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Opening and closing with prayer

Lectures and discussions of Church History, Worship and Bible Study.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

None

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Reasonable discussions to promote understanding of the faith,

guidance for personal living and opportunities for practical

service.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps more involvement in Christian service projects.

Signed by: Edgar Morrison

Title: Member



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Junior Choir

Total active members 11 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month Four Day and time of meetings Saturday 10:30 A.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

It exists to lead the singing at the 9:30 A.M. service on  
Sunday.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Worship - 9:30 Sunday

Rehearsal Saturday includes practice of hymns and anthems  
for Church Service and instruction in music theory & harmony

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

None other than working with the Senior choir several times  
a year.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Learning the order of service and sacred music of the Church  
at an early age while receiving a good foundation in the  
fundamentals of music.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

Increased membership

Signed by: Mildred C. Seward

Title: Organist



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Parish Players

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 5

Number of meetings each month On Call Day and time of meetings Friday 8:00 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

A group interested in self-expression centered in the  
field of drama.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Open to  
entire Parish and community.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Learning the fundamentals of producing secular and non-secular  
Plays. Meetings opened and closed by brief prayer service.  
(Opening prayer written by one member of the group)

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Service of Parish Players available to any other Parish  
organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To be of service in field of drama, both religious and secular,  
to the community. PROBLEM To Gain interest of men and older  
people to participate actively. Lack of support to fill male  
roles.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? We are embarking on a  
campaign in the Logan community, by letter and personal contact  
through the Churches, to promote a better understanding of the  
Christian faith -- and to enlarge our group with people who  
are interested in Parish activities similar to ours.

Signed by: Nancy Clark

Title: President



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Churchwomen

Total active members 120 Average attendance at meetings 50 2nd Mon. of  
Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings ea. Mo.  
Wed. after 2nd Mon.  
Sewing Groups ea.  
Wednesday.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To unite all women of Zion Church in a program of  
Worship, Service, Study and Stewardship.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

All female members of the Church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

A planned program for each monthly meeting on at least two  
of the topics suggested at the Program Planning Meeting  
held at the Church House.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Various fund raising and social activities. Sewing for  
several institutions and two Korean Adoptees. Visiting  
Harrison Home and hospitals.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The major opportunities are service to God, Stewardship and  
Christian Fellowship. Our greatest problem is the lack of  
active participation by all members.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

A strong drive to enlist all the women to attend meetings  
and participate in programs and activities.

Signed by: Claire Ford

Title: President



VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Altar Guild

Total active members 14 Average attendance at meetings 12

Meets alternate months - Sept.

Number of meetings each month to May Day and time of meetings Saturday 12:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To care for the Altar, its vestments and all holy vessels  
used in services.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Girls - past  
high school and women of any age.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

1. Prayers at all meetings - annual Corporate Communion in Lent

2. Educational - Training of aides for membership

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Caring for Acolytes' vestments

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The opportunity to perform the most sacred task a laywoman  
can perform in the Church.

Problems - No major problems

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More direct access to hot water would be helpful.

Signed by: Margaret Speer

Title: Chairman



IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
<u>Rev. Chas. H. Long</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1918-1942</u>	<u>Secretary, Dio. of Penna.</u>
<u>Rev. Herbert A. Jones</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1942-43</u>	<u>Holy Nativity, Rockledge, Pa.</u>
<u>Rev. Elden B. Mowers</u>	<u>50 ?</u>	<u>1943-45</u>	<u>Dean, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Havana, Cuba</u>
<u>Rev. James Mills</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1945-1954</u>	<u>Retired</u>
<u>Rev. Kenneth Johnson</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1954-57</u>	<u>Parish work, Chicago, Ill.</u>
<u>Rev. John Norman</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1958-1961</u>	<u>St. Paul's, W. Whiteland, Pa.</u>
<u>Rev. Robt. C. S. Deacon</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1962-</u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? yes

Does he give full time to this church? yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 1  
Please give details.

1 priest

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? none

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? no

If so, which congregations?



# X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 14,666 (2) Plate offerings \$ 718 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 650 (4) Endowments \$ 1,514 (5) Special fund drives \$ 2,278 (6) Other (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Heater)  
 \$ 3,610 pledged and paid for Missions; Lent, Easter, Christmas: \$ 1,426;

Total other: \$ 1,259.

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						
Total current expenses	<u>5,539</u>	<u>7,130</u>	<u>8,323</u>	<u>11,191</u>	<u>14,252</u>	<u>15,489</u>
Diocesan Assessment	<u>299</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>377</u>
Missionary Disbursements	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>2,094</u>	<u>2,777</u>	<u>5,247</u>	<u>3,783</u>
Special parish expense	<u>1,615</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>6,724</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>5,776</u>

Clergy salary or salaries:  
 from congregation

a) 2,400 2,400 3,000 3,800 4,800 6,000

b) \_\_\_\_\_

from other sources

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

Rental value of the rectory \$ 1,200 plus 400 utilities

Is the church in debt? no Amount of debt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Method of repayment \_\_\_\_\_

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? yes  
If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? both Describe the  
training of the canvassers. Training session held for canvassers, led  
by Rector and Canvass Chairman. Rector and Chairman attend Diocesan  
meeting.
8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?  
Special drives have been held for special purposes: e.g. windows,  
heater, renovation. Stewardship education sermons and literature  
distributed to people, also Diocesan Church News.
9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-  
support? not applicable
10. Additional comments or information on finances:  
Canvass conducted as follows: congregation contacted by mail and  
phone before in-Church Canvass. Canvassers make personal calls on those  
not in Church.

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest x Congregation Diocese
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting deprecia-  
tion? \$ 450 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Church
5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$600
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 500



# XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

## A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:\*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

## 4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

About 3 afternoons or evenings a week, in addition to sick calls.

## 5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? Routine calls organized on geographical basis when possible. Old and shut-ins called on regularly, others occasionally. Emergencies and special purpose as they arise.

## 6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers? Calls are made as soon as possible on new persons who visit Church, names taken from guest book or leaflet. Other calls as names are given to rector by parishoners.

## 7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 3

\* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

## B. Lay calling:

## 1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None

## 2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

Senior warden calls on sick. Women call on shut-ins. Others call  
as the occasion arises. No specific program - about 12 persons  
involved - perhaps a total of 10 hours a week spent.



3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. \_\_\_\_\_

Evangelism committee has called on Church School parents (3 men on committee). No specific program at present, but hope to develop one.

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Greeted in Church, brought to Coffee Hour, invited to organization meetings - through personal contact with members of Parish, sometimes members will bring newcomers to meetings.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

Census, conducted by Ministerium (interdenominational) in process at present. In addition to distribution - RC/Prot./Ortho./ Jewish - unchurched and members of distant churches will be located.

## XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Advertizements in city dailies for major Feasts, articles in local weeklies for activities.
- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None - except publicity for programs sponsored by Diocese or Council of Churches.
- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Mimeographed bulletin mailed monthly at non-profit rate. Letters mailed on special occasions.
- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Monthly bulletin of 6 to 8 5½ by 8½ in. pages mimeographed, includes Calendar, Rector's message, news of Parish. Sunday folders - 2 pages printed (same each week) 2 inside pages mimeographed with order of service, news.
- E. How many church road signs are there? 2 bulletin boards on Church lawn.



XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

- A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes - those who live in  
local community.
- B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. \_\_\_\_\_

President of interdenominational Ministerium - takes part in community  
affairs - member of interfaith (Prot.-Jewish) clergy group - chaplain of  
Lion's Club.

- C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Individual members active in Community Council, Scouting (organizations  
in several other churches), Home and School Associations, etc.

- D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

Active in ministerium programs, such as Good Friday Service, Census,  
Reformation Day service, Youth Council, Co-operating in Community  
Vacation Church School; anticipated co-operation with Cub Pack in  
neighboring church; Parish Players attempting community basis.

- E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

- F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Joint services and activities, census.



XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Member - Dept. of Christian Social Relations, Diocese

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Senior Warden is member of Bishop's Committee for the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches; one member was a trainer for self-study

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Diocesan Churchwomen's Program, Church School Missionary Offering Programs, Summer Youth Conferences (Diocese) and other E.Y.C. programs, National E.M.C. and Stewardship programs.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: Attencance at Brotherhood of St. Andrew Corporate Communion

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: Women attend many diocesan meetings, are active in U.T.O. program and Church periodical club, support two Korean orphans, use diocesan themes in many parish meetings.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: 5 to 10 young people attend conferences each summer, many attend diocesan youth service and youth convention.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 16%



## XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector	\$6,000	full time
Organist	600	part time
Choirmaster	600	part time
Sexton	1,200	part time
Cleaning Woman	\$10/day	part time (three days a week)

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Mailings addressed by volunteers

A little typing done by volunteers

Bulletins put together by Y.P.F.

Many minor maintenance items done by men.

Some painting done by volunteers.



## XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Part-time secretarial help needed to relieve Rector  
of burden of some of this work.

2. Buildings: Buildings are adequate for present and foreseeable  
needs. Some renovation would be helpful for Church  
School.

3. Equipment: Equipment is quite adequate.

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Deepening spiritual life of members; Greater involvement in community  
affairs; Extending Christian education to all age levels and groups;  
Increasing ecumenical conversations with neighboring Churches and Synagogues.

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

There is limited potential for numerical growth as area is largely  
Jewish and Roman Catholic with a large number of Protestant Churches for  
the population. City neighborhood with aging population and housing.

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Parish groups and organizations ought to be more closely tied to Parish  
program. More definite educational program needed for entire parish.

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

No immediate increase in capital needed.



F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

About \$20,000 for parish use. (1964 budget - \$19,500)

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

Emphasis on proportional giving in Every Member Canvass to meet financial needs. Re-evaluation of Christian Education program - introduction of Seabury materials and methods.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

Stewardship education programs of Diocese, especially through Church News. Help from Diocesan departments, especially Christian Education, and the Diocesan Churchwomen.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

Congregation is stable - about 2/3 in neighborhood, 1/3 outside - mixed in age, with large number of older persons, and a sizeable group of young families. Two groups should be more fully integrated with one another.

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
Rev. Robert C. S. Deacon	Rector	2
Mr. Edward B. Sonnheim	Civil Engineer	40
Mr. Edgar Morrison	Accountant	8
Mrs. Mildred Seward	Housewife	40
Miss Margaret Speer	Retired teacher	18

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership maps submitted by this congregation locate a total of 456 persons who look to Zion Church for spiritual guidance. There were 265 persons, comprising 58.4% of the mapped membership, residing within the arbitrarily assigned parish area. The remaining 41.6% of the membership was widely distributed. Census Tract PH-49G, in which Zion Church is located, included 68 persons, or 15.0% of the membership.

Further details on the membership distribution pattern of the congregation may be observed in the tables on the following pages.



# MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

ZION

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA		NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
B	51	3	7
M	15	1	2
M	16 B	2	4
M	17 B	4	9
M	22 A	1	2
M	3 D	1	2
M	4	5	11
M	5	4	9
	8 B	2	4
	8 D	1	2
	10 B	2	4
	19 B	1	2
	21 L	1	2
	21 U	7	15
	22 D	4	9
	22 I	1	2
	22 N	4	9
	23 E	3	7
	25 A	3	7
	27 A	2	4
	29 D	1	2
	33 E	4	9
	33 F	1	2
	35 B	1	2
	35 C	8	18
	35 D	5	11
	38 A	3	7
	38 E	3	7
	41 H	2	4
	41 J	4	9
	42 A	6	13
	42 B	1	2
	42 E	2	4
	42 F	6	13
	42 G	3	7
	42 H	3	7
	43 A	8	18
	43 B	12	26
	43 C	4	9
	43 D	5	11
	43 E	2	4
	45 C	9	20
	49 A	9	20
	49 B	6	13
	49 C	2	4
	49 D	51	112
	49 E	56	124
	49 F	63	139
X	49 G	68	150
	49 H	7	15
	50 D	3	7
	50 E	4	9
	50 K	2	4
	50 L	10	22
	50 M	2	4





REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

During the decade of 1950 to 1960, the baptized membership of Zion Church decreased by 21.1%, going from 626 members to 494. This trend continued into 1961 and 1962. The 1962 figure appearing in the chart on the following page is the result of an estimate by the General Division of Research and Field Study. During the same decade, communicant strength decreased by 32.4%, going from 475 communicants in 1950 to 321 in 1960. There was a slight increase recorded in 1961. The 1962 figure is also an estimate by the General Division of Research and Field Study. Church school registration, unlike the baptized membership and communicant strength, increased during the decade, going from 99 persons in 1950 to 108 in 1960. This trend was reversed in 1961 and 1962, reverting to its former trend of increase in 1963.

In the three-year period under discussion, 24 persons were baptized and 32 confirmed at Zion Church. The average ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength during this period were 2.8% and 3.7%, respectively. The ratios for the Olney-Oaklane area were 2.8% and 2.9%. The averages for Philadelphia County were 3.7% and 3.1%, while the diocesan ratios were 3.9% and 4.1%.

No statistics were included in the Diocesan Journals regarding the 1963 expenditures for Zion Church. Of a total of \$52,979.00 expended, \$9,391.00, or 17.7%, were utilized for extra-parochial purposes. The Olney-Oaklane average for this period was 12.5% while the county and diocesan averages were 12.2% and 14.2% respectively. Computed on an individual basis, extra-parochial expenditures per communicant at Zion Church amounted to \$11.00, as compared with an area average of \$6.77. The average for Philadelphia County was \$9.57 and the diocesan average was \$10.45. Expenditures per communicant during this period, amounted to \$62.04 in Zion Church. The area average was \$53.96. The averages for the county and the diocese were \$78.57 and \$73.71, respectively.



## VITAL STATISTICS

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	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	550	615	626	575	494	479	*	-
Communicants	423	449	475	400	321	324	530	-
Church School	182	178	99	110	108	106	93	101
Baptisms	5	14	14	12	10	5	8	11
Percentage of Communicants	1.2	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.1	1.5	1.5	-
Confirmations	19	-	12	22	13	6	11	15
Percentage of Communicants	4.5	-	2.5	5.5	4.0	1.9	2.1	-
Parochial Expenditures 1	5,837	NR	8,592	12,187	15,647	16,666	16,154	-
Special Par. Expenditures 2	3,753	NR	7,532	1,719	9,892	5,603	5,165	-
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	1,435	NR	2,274	2,777	5,247	5,405	3,986	-
Total Reported Expenditures	11,025	-	18,398	16,683	30,786	27,674	25,305	-
Expenditures per Communicant	26.06		38.73	41.71	95.91	85.41	47.75	-
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	3.39		4.79	6.94	16.35	16.68	7.52	-

\* GDRFS ESTIMATE NR

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.



#### DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

A total of 414 persons participated in the Episcopal Census conducted for this congregation. The following paragraphs are intended to highlight certain aspects of the census.

There were 403 persons tabulated on the age/sex chart of the census. Of this number, 173, or 42.9%, were male and 230, or 57.1%, were female. Children 14 years of age and under comprised 18.8% of the respondents, and adults 65 years of age and over accounted for 24.0%. The percentage distribution by age groups among the respondents tends to coincide with the general population composition of the parish area. The existence of such a high percentage of adults 65 years of age and over in the congregation might necessitate a specialized ministry to these individuals.

There were 393 persons who reported on their occupational status. Of this number, 254 were not gainfully employed: 35 were pre-students, 64 were students, 98 were housewives, 53 were retired, and four were unemployed. Housewives accounted for 24.9% of the respondents. Among the 139 gainfully employed persons, representing 35.4% of the respondents, professional people formed the largest group, with 38, followed by clerical workers, with 30, and by craftsmen, with 20. The percentage of gainfully employed persons compares favorably with the average that exists for most Episcopal congregations throughout the country.

Of 396 respondents, all were baptized. Of these persons, 283 were communicants and 113 were not. This latter group offers an opportunity for the extension of evangelism.

Of 262 adults 25 years of age and over reporting on their education, 41 were college graduates, 45 had received from one to three years of college training, 115 were high school graduates, 31 had received from one to three years of high school training, 29 had received from five to eight years of elementary education, and one had received from one to four years of elementary training.

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There were 300 respondents who reported on their length of membership in this congregation. Of this number, 93, or 31.0% had been members less than five years, 58 had been members from five to nine years, 24 from 10 to 14 years, 27 from 15 to 19 years, and 98 had been members 20 years or more.

Of 380 persons reporting on their nativity, 367 were born within the United States and 13 were not. Among the United States born, 312 individuals were natives of the State of Pennsylvania.

The charts and graphs on the following pages include information on other aspects on the census not commented upon in this section of the Study.







CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. P-92 ZION CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION										TOTAL NO. REP. 300	
NO.	%	YEARS	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
93	31.0	0-4.9									
58	19.3	5-9.9									
24	8.0	10-14.9									
27	9.0	15-19.9									
26	8.6	20-24.9									
72	24.1	25-3000									

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH		TOTAL NO. REP.
No.	%	DENOMINATION
4	5.4	BAPTIST
4	5.4	LUTHERAN
7	9.6	METHODIST
5	6.9	PRESBYTERIAN
47	64.4	ROMAN CATH.
1	1.4	HEBREW
3	4.1	CONG.
1	1.4	ORTHODOX

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO:			TOTAL No. REP. 35									
No.	%	DENOMINATION	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	
3	8.5	BAPTIST										
3	8.5	LUTHERAN										
5	14.3	METHODIST										
8	22.9	PRESBYTERIAN										
9	25.7	ROMAN CATH.										
1	2.9	HEBREW										
1	2.9	CHRISTIAN										
2	5.7	REFORMED										
1	2.9	FRIENDS										
2	5.7	ORTHODOX										







DISTANCE FROM CHURCH			TOTAL NO. REP. 161									
No.	%	MILES	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	
88	54.7	1 OR LESS										54.7
26	16.1	1 - 1.9										
8	5.0	2 - 2.9										
9	5.6	3 - 3.9										
30	18.6	4 OR MORE										

TIME FROM CHURCH			TOTAL NO. REP. 154									
No.	%	MINUTES	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	
30	19.5	10 OR LESS										
76	45.5	10 - 19										45.5
25	16.2	20 - 29										
29	18.8	30 OR MORE										

HOME OWNERS			TOTAL NO. REP. 154									
No.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	
106	68.8	YES										
48	31.2	NO										

RESIDENCE BUILT			TOTAL NO. REP. 147									
No.	%	YEAR	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	
7	4.8	1960 - PRESENT										
10	6.8	1950 - 1959										
10	6.8	1940 - 1949										
14	9.5	1930 - 1939										
36	24.5	1920 - 1929										
61	41.5	1900 - 1919										41.5
9	6.1	1899 & BEFORE										

TYPE OF DWELLING			TOTAL NO. REP. 160									
No.	%	CLASS	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	
115	71.9	SINGLE										71.9
14	8.7	DUPLEX										
27	16.9	APT. HOUSE										
		HOTEL										
3	1.9	ROOM HOUSE										
1	0.6	INSTITUTION										
		TRAILER										



## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## ZION CHURCH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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During the decade between 1950 and 1960, this congregation suffered a decrease in both baptized membership and communicant strength. Church school enrollment increased slightly during this period, but has been on the decline from 1961 to the present. The congregation has been somewhat concerned over this state of affairs, and apparently has accepted the challenge of keeping the church alive in an area heavily populated by Roman Catholics and Jews. The following paragraphs are intended to highlight certain aspects of the church's program.

The Church Self-Study Form lists the program of the church school on Pages K-10 through K-14. Its organization, program, and machinery for recruitment, training and supervision of teachers is good, with classes being offered to pre-schoolers through teen-agers. The major problems confronting the school are inadequate individual classrooms and insufficient time for instruction. The General Division of Research and Field Study concurs with the Local Study Group's feeling that more effective use of existing facilities would result from the installation of folding partitions in the auditorium of the parish house. Should this problem persist despite the acquisition of these partitions, some thought might be given to the operation of the church school in two shifts, coinciding with the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Regarding the length of class periods, these should conform as closely as possible with the length of the instruction periods as they exist in the public schools. Page K-15 of the Self-Study Form suggests various means through which the



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Christian education program in its totality in this congregation might be strengthened. The General Division of Research and Field Study is in agreement with the Local Study Group on these suggestions.

Accordingly, the congregation might wish to consider the establishment of a parish planning committee to coordinate the programs and activities undertaken by the congregation. As an extension of its work, separate committees might be appointed to work in the areas of the church school, adult education, youth activities, stewardship, lay evangelism and recruitment, and public relations. Each of these individual committees would be responsible for executing the program established by the planning committee. Considering the congregation's concern over becoming more actively involved in the affairs of its community, the parish planning committee might consult with the leadership of other Episcopal churches operating in this area.

In an effort to develop more involvement and commitment within the congregation, special leadership training programs should be instituted for the most capable and qualified members of the church. These individuals, working under the direction of the rector, will be of much help in increasing the level of participation by the general membership, especially in view of the fact that the present membership is very widely dispersed.

A review of the Episcopal Census data compiled shows that adults 65 years of age and over constitute 24.0% of the membership. In addition, in Census Tract 49-G in which Zion Church is located, 20.3% of the 1960 population comprised adults 65 years of age and over. As a matter of fact, each of the census tracts included in the arbitrarily assigned parish area had a relatively high percentage of adults in this age bracket. In the opinion of



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the General Division of Research and Field Study, it appears that there are opportunities in this area for a special ministry to the aged. The local congregation is urged to review its present ministry to these individuals, and also to consult with the diocese for assistance in the extension of this ministry.

The General Division of Research and Field Study commends the Local Study Group for its efforts in compiling the data submitted. It is certain that, if the congregation is able to implement the programs outlined, Zion Church will be able to continue its ministry in its area. The opportunities for the extension of the church's influence exists. What the church does with these opportunities will be determined by the extent of the commitment of its members and their willingness to accept and discharge a greater portion of the responsibility for the church's ministry.